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Lockheed L-1011 TriStar - Airliner Tech Vol. 8



Synopsis

Volume 8 in the AirlinerTech series describes and depicts the turbofan TriStar in great detail. In-depth discussion and illustrations of the TriStar's advance systems and state of the art safety features are explained and illustrated with the use of annotated photographs and diagrams, many from manufacturer's documents. Modifications to the L-1011 are described and illustrated including the UK Royal Airforce versions, the Flying Hospital, and a rocket launching version of the L-1011 which was used to put satellites into orbit. Pilot interviews are also included. The photos in this edition are black and white.

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Customer Reviews

This book is very good, filled with lots of wonderful details on the Lockheed L-1011. It actually has more interior photos than I have found in other similar books, which was a great extra. This book is so good, I plan on buying others from this series as soon as possible. If you like L-1011s, you will not be disappointed.

This is a great book to add to your existing L-1011 collection. Very insightfull with great pictures and descriptions of how the aircraft was designed/manufactured/tested. There were never many books written about the L-1011, but this is a great book for anyone who is a collector of aviation history. I strongly reccommend this book to any Tristar fan.

I am an unashamed L-1011 fan. I believe that the plane was decades ahead of it's time, and still has some features (Direct Lift Control, which accounted for it's superior Autoland system, and an enormously sophisticated Speed Command System for example) that are unrivaled today. I was fortunate enough to check out and get a type rating on the L-1011 near the end of her life at the major airlines, and in every respect I believe she was the best designed aircraft I have ever flown. I can't recall meeting an L-1011 pilot who would disagree with that. Jim Upton has put together an excellent book on the 1011, and I highly endorse it. In this one volume he accurately summarizes the operations and features of this beautiful machine. The photographs are clear and plentiful, the systems descriptions are well done (and will be the best you can see unless you get a 2,000 page L-1011 operations manual), and the format is logical and accessible. Buy this book and learn about one of the greatest airliners to ever grace the sky.

With its elegant, graceful good looks, it is little wonder that the Lockheed L-1011 Tristar is the favorite among so many commercial aviation enthusiasts. And, as one would expect from a volume in the superb AirlinerTech series, beauty goes beyond skin deep, with plenty of detail on the design and excellent flying characteristics of Lockheed's tri-jet. The book opens with Lockheed's decision to go ahead and build the aircraft, despite competition from McDonnell-Douglas, in the form of their DC-10. Early concepts, along with several ideas that never made it off the drawing board, are included - which always makes for very interesting reading. In the second chapter, Jim Upton describes the many tests for certification the aircraft had to undergo, especially as the airliner introduced advances entirely new to the world of commercial aviation, such as the active aileron system and brand-new three-spool Rolls-Royce RB-211 turbofan engines. The aircraft is then chronicled in airline operations, both original customers and those airlines that bought their Tristars second hand. Included are two special birds, the Flying Hospital (a former PSA aircraft) and the Orbital Systems rocket launcher (a former Air Canada jet). Production and design details inside and out, including such novelties as the underfloor galleys and lounge and built-in air stair, are covered in excellent detail; pilot interviews offer favorable captain's seat perspectives of the jetliner. A production list and specifications tables are included. Long out of print, books of the AirlinerTech series do not come cheap, but if you are a true fan of this aircraft, you will find it worthwhile to come up with the money to purchase a copy; it is well worth adding to one's aviation library.

In this book Mr. Upton does a very good work covering in every detail the last Lockheed wonder. Particularly interesting are the development and test coverage, with also a deep analysis into the

technical wonders of this trijet. Many advances in avionics were introduced in this liner, together with the "active aileron" device introduced more than 10 years before that used in the A320. The advanced RR RB.211 engines, at the base of the successful TRENT series were also pioneered (albeit causing much trouble to the TriStar!) by this elegant jetliner. A nice book of a good series. We hope other in this style will follow!

Great book. It covers the Lockheed L-1011 airliner from it's initial designs all the way through to it's current users. The photos are great and are a great reference for modelers like myself. It's also a great look back at a very under appreciated airliner that was a technological marvel, even by today's standards. If you're a modeler looking for reference material or just someone who loves planes, this book is the one you're looking for. It's a good read, too.

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